

## **Course title: Hazardous Materials Operations Level (HMO)**

### **Course Overview:**

First responders who are trained and certified to the Operations Level are individuals who respond to releases (or potential releases) of hazardous materials as part of their normal duties. This responder is expected to protect individuals, the environment, and property from the effects of the release in a defensive manner.

Responsibilities of the first responder at the Operational Level include the Awareness-Level responsibilities *plus* confining a release in a defensive fashion from a safe distance. First responders at the Operational Level must be able to perform the following actions:

- Identify the hazardous material(s) involved in an incident if possible.
- Analyze an incident to determine the nature and extent of the problem.
- Protect themselves, nearby persons, the environment, and property from the effects of a release.
- Develop a defensive plan of action to address the problems presented by the incident (plan a response).
- Implement the planned response to control a release from a safe distance (initiate defensive actions to lessen the harmful incident) and keep it from spreading.
- Evaluate the progress of the actions taken to ensure that response objectives are safely met.

Class size is limited to 25 students.

**Hours:** 16 hours (2, 8-hr sessions)

**Prerequisites:** None

**Special Requirements:** None